

The growth of branches under the extant licensing policy will depend on a well established need business potential financial viability of the proposed branches. Moreover, the opening of branches under the extant licensing policy is a continuous process which will be governed by licences issued by RBI in this regard. Hence, it is not possible to project the number of branches, district-wise, that will be opened in Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat under it at this stage.

Loans given under IRDP and Twenty Point Programme to Rajasthan and Gujarat

4921. SHRI MAHESH KANODIA:
SHRIMATI MAHENDRA
KUMARI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loans provided by banks in Rajasthan and Gujarat under the Integrated Rural Development Programme under 1990 and 1991 so far; and

(b) the number of persons benefited under each Scheme, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). Total amount of bank credit disbursed and the total number of beneficiaries benefited under IRDP in the State of Gujarat and Rajasthan during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 (August, 1991) are as follows:

<i>(No of beneficiaries in Lakh) (Rs. in crores)</i>			
	<i>Year</i>	<i>Total No. of beneficiaries assisted</i>	<i>Amount of credit disbursed</i>
Gujarat	1989-90	1.02	33.92
	1990-91	0.72	27.93
	1991-92	0.18	7.94
	(Upto August, 1991)		
Rajasthan	1989-90	1.59	44.37.
	1990-91	1.36	47.38
	1991-92	0.20	9.37
	(upto August, 1991)		

The number of accounts and the outstanding amount of credit provided by all scheduled commercial banks under the New 20-point Programme-1986 in the States of

Gujarat and Rajasthan for the period ended September 1989 and September 1990 (last available) are furnished below:

No. of Accounts in lakhs Amount in Rs. crores

State	September, 1989		September, 1990	
	No of account	Amount outstanding	No. of account	Amount Outstanding
Gujarat	12.85	558.30	12.22	613.77
Rajasthan	8.16	493.16	9.13	529.37

The data reporting system does not generate district-wise break-up of the information given above.

Terrorist Activities in Gulf of Mannar

4922. SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to stop the terrorist activities in the Gulf of Mannar;

(b) the number of fishermen killed by the terrorists during the last three years;

(c) whether the Union Government have given any compensation to the families of the deceased;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) The Indian Navy/Coast Guard have enhanced their patrolling/air surveillance over the Gulf of Mannar in order to, *inter alia*, check the infiltration of terrorists.

(b) As per information conveyed by the Government of Tamil Nadu, 7 Indian fishermen are reported to have been killed by terrorists in the Gulf of Mannar during the last three years.

(c) to (e). No compensation has been paid by the Union Government. However, the Tamil Nadu Government have reported that they paid a sum of Rs. 12,000.00 to the next-of-kin of six fishermen from the Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund. The next-of-kin of one fisherman was paid Rs. 15,000.00 by the National Federation of Fishermen Cooperative Society Ltd. New Delhi, as the deceased fisherman was a member of the said Society.

National Centre for Jute Diversification

4923. DR. RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:
SHRIMATI MAHENDRA KUMARI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to set up a National Centre for Jute Diversification at Calcutta;

(b) if so, the main objectives thereof; and

(c) the time by which the centre is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) It has been decided to set up a National Centre for Jute Diversification at Calcutta with its Regional Centre at NOIDA.